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REF: Pacific Wood Preserving of Oregon – Addition of Pentachlorophenol

Dear Ms. Byrne:

Bridgewell Resources LLC has been purchasing treated pole and lumber products from The Pacific Wood Preserving Cos. for over 20 years. These products are routinely sold to utilities, electrical contractors, municipalities, and government entities that require treated poles and lumber for installation of new power lines and repairs and maintenance of existing power lines. Treated wood poles have been the mainstay of this industry and by far the predominate product for this application for over 100 years and will continue to be the product of choice for many years to come. The typical wood pole species and treatments are as follows:

- Douglas fir, Ponderosa Pine and Western Red Cedar
- Pentachlorophenol, Copper Napthenate and Creosote

Recently, the suppliers of Copper Napthenate (CuNap) , made the decision to not re-register their product which has forced the treated wood products industry to look for alternatives for preserving wood poles and lumber products used by many utilities and others, as noted above, throughout the United States. This decision will require many treating companies to switch to pentachlorophenol and / or creosote for preserving wood poles, otherwise be required to shut down their operations and layoff workers previously associated with operations using CuNap.

Pacific Wood Preserving of Oregon re-opened the former Taylor Lumber & Treating, Inc. site in Sheridan, Oregon in the early 2000's utilizing CuNap as their treatment of choice for wood poles with approval from the EPA and Oregon DEQ. This led to continued employment of over 30 employees that were previously out of work with the closure of Taylor. Pacific Wood has since been a major supplier of CuNap poles to Bridgewell Resources and without their supply will likely lead to loss of sales accounts and revenue to Bridgewell. Pentachlorophenol treated poles are readily acceptable in the industry and would be highly acceptable as an alternative to CuNap and the continued employment of those currently working at Pacific Wood.

Pacific Wood Preserving of Sheridan, Oregon being approved to utilize pentachlorophenol as a wood pole preservative would maintain the current employment base, sales opportunities throughout the US as well as the rail, trucking and various other vendors they support in the local area.

Sincerely,



John Doss

Manager Operations & Procurement
Utility & Construction Division

Penta

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to:

Jennifer Byrne

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Reference the Taylor Lumber and Treating Superfund Site in Sheridan, Oregon, EPA

Docket

No. CERCLA-10-2002-0034

Dear Ms. Byrne;

I am aware of some of the problems this site has experienced over past years. I am also aware that in recent years, this site has functioned as a wood treatment plant employing over forty (40) workers in the town of Sheridan, OR, a somewhat depressed area. The owners/operators of the plant have indicated that the use of Penta as a wood preservative is more efficient and is more environmentally friendly.

I would encourage and recommend that Pacific Wood Preserving of Oregon be allowed to use Penta in their Sheridan plant.

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Re: Taylor Lumber and Treating Superfund Site, EPA Docket No. CERCLA-10-2002-0034

Dear Jennifer:

Last week I was contacted by Charles Brown of Pacific Wood Preserving in Sheridan, Oregon. They asked us to outline our relationship and business intentions. We are one of their best lumber customers and have been a customer of Pacific Wood Preserving of Oregon since the plant opened from the ashes of Taylor lumber in June, 2002. That's close to a decade partnering together to supply lumber to governmental agencies throughout the United States. Our stock 3x12 program is especially successful throughout the Midwest. Though we are saddened by losing the preservative Copper Naphthenate (CuNap), our customers have been receptive of the Pentachlorophenol (Penta) preservative as a replacement. Especially encouraging is their hiring staff in this down economy. Of note is Karin Coelho who has done an exceptional job keeping our projects on track and us informed.

Below are some of the successes we've had with Pacific Wood Preserving.

3x12 Stock Program: We produce rail cars of treated 3x12 for use in the Midwest. The counties and states use them as wear deck on culverts and bridges. We are shipping 3 rail cars this month. The majority is CuNap, and we expect it to become Penta.



Lock Repair: They treated numerous lock timbers for the maintenance of our country's waterways. These timbers are fabricated with the radius ends and allow ship traffic which would otherwise be unable to pass.



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Utility Maintenance: Northwest Natural Gas depends on us to provide lumber for their boxes and supporting the gas lines. Pacific Wood Preserving of Oregon is our designated supplier for the treatment of that lumber.

Dock & Float: Pacific Wood has treated lumber for many emergency dock repairs as well as new float construction. Pictured are the Ports of Ilwaco and Long Beach.



Bridge: As with docks, you have treated lumber for emergency repairs as well as new construction. Pictured is the Golden Valley Boardwalk.




In summation, Pacific Wood Preserving of Oregon is a valuable business partner with Torgerson Forest Products, Inc. Our intention is to continue to do business as usual. It would be a severe blow to our company and the industry in general if Pacific Wood Preserving of Oregon were not allowed to produce products we provide. It is not only in our best interest that they continue treating in Sheridan, Oregon, but our customers would also suffer increased costs in this financially difficult time.

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I am willing to meet with whomever it may concern and provide additional information if you like.

Semper Fidelis,

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Rodger Seid
Vice President, Sales and Marketing

CC: File
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to:

Jennifer Byrne, landman.charlie

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Dear Jennifer/Charlie,

My husband has been an employee of PWPO for 10 years. We relocated to Oregon in 2001 when PWPO bought the old Taylor site. My husband was the new manager of the PWPO site, so he has seen the headaches associated with the clean up of chemicals. They have been treating with CuNap, but now that it is no longer available, the only logical choice for a replacement preservative is Penta. Actually it is really the most popular preservative available for the treatment of Doug Fir poles now that CuNap is gone.

Since we relocated to Oregon I have also been employed in the education field as an Instructional Aide. We have two children in college this year and as I am sure you know the education field is laying off an abundance of employees myself included. It would mean a lot to me and my family if you allow the use of Penta at PWPO. It could mean the difference of my husband having a job, or not.

As I mentioned earlier my husband was very involved when PWPO bought the site from Taylor, he knows what a mess things were and I know that he would insist on Penta being used safely and carefully, protecting the employees and the environment. The corporate philosophy and values of PWPO are to be protective of employees and the environment above all else.

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Re: Taylor Lumber and Treating Superfund Site in Sheridan, Oregon, EPA Docket No. CERCLA-10-2002-0034

Dear Ms. Byrne,

As both an employee of Pacific Wood Preserving of Oregon (PWPO) and a citizen I would like to go on record as supporting the proposed amendment to the Prospective Purchaser Agreement allowing the use of pentachlorophenol at the facility.

Pentachlorophenol is an EPA registered pesticide widely used in the wood preserving industry and by allowing its use at PWPO the continued operation of the business is strengthened. This provides additional economic stability not only to the 50 employees, including myself, but also to the State of Oregon of which I am a citizen and the local community.

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And via email, byrne.jennifer@epamail.epa.gov

Re: Taylor Lumber and Treating Superfund Site in Sheridan, Oregon, EPA Docket No. CERCLA-10-2002-0034

Dear Ms. Byrne,

We are owners of the Pacific Wood Preserving Companies. Pacific Wood Preserving of Oregon is one of our member companies. We are writing this in support of the use of pentachlorophenol at our plant in Sheridan, OR.

When we purchased the assets of this plant out of Taylor's bankruptcy, it was a model transaction benefiting the EPA, ODEQ, community and taxpayers. It took a plant that would likely have otherwise gathered dust, and transformed it into a vibrant business supporting the livelihoods of many families, including our own employees (over 50 at this time at this plant) as well as the ancillary financial support of truck drivers, vendors and community businesses. It also allowed PWPO to operate and maintain the stormwater and groundwater extraction equipment and processes, which otherwise would have been at taxpayer expense.

As part of our original agreement, the use of penta as well as other several other wood preservatives was prohibited. These prohibitions were warranted in order to establish a line of demarcation between the old contamination and any potential new releases, however unlikely. These prohibitions worked satisfactorily for many years. However, due to changed market conditions, it is necessary for PWPO to use penta in place of copper naphthenate, which is no longer being manufactured due to economic conditions experienced by the primary producer of the wood preservative, Merichem. Fortunately, the site has now been fully remediated by the EPA, and the permanent low permeability cap installed. The issue of demarcation can thus be addressed more efficiently and practically, and the use of penta is justified.

Penta is the most widely used oilborne preservative for utility poles in the United States. It was recently re-registered by the EPA, which means it underwent a complete and thorough

review of the environmental and safety impacts of the preservative. New data and research were completed, and the EPA made the decision to re-register the preservative for use in the US. PWPO will be one of many treaters in the US utilizing this preservative, and one of at least eight wood treaters in the West, including three additional treaters in Oregon, and four treaters in the state of Washington.

We are extremely proud of and thankful for the dedicated employees of PWPO. They have worked diligently and proactively with state and federal regulators to develop trusting and responsible relationships. This trust has come about because we have consistently said what we would do, and done what we have said, meeting and exceeding our obligations to the agencies, the environment, our community and our employees. This trust and responsibility we know will only be enhanced as we work together under the modified requirements of our agreements.

We would ask that you listen to people from our local community, along with our employees, when evaluating the public comments regarding the use of penta at our PWPO plant.

We look forward to working responsibly with the regulatory agencies going forward as we begin the use of penta at PWPO. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard ("Dick") Jackson
President
The Pacific Wood Preserving Companies



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Chief Operating Officer
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Subject: Taylor Lumber and Treating Superfund Site in Sheridan, Oregon,
EPA Docket No. CERCLA-10-2002-0034

Dear Ms. Jennifer Byrne:

I am writing you now to support the use of pentachlorophenol as a wood preservative in the Pacific Wood Preserving Plant located on the Sheridan Oregon site. I have in excess of 30 years experience with penta, and indeed, if you count the utility poles as you drive down the road, all 166 million of them, most likely every ninth pole is penta and was formulated or researched by me at some point in time.

I support the use of Penta in the PWP-Oregon site as they are a very environmentally responsible company, have almost 40 years of good environmental stewardship history and have been leaders in the environmental movement for the last two decades in the wood preservation arena. This plant has been using Copper Naphthenate as its wood pole preservative of choice over the last few years, but with Copper Naphthenate undergoing its current DCI (Data Call In), it may not be available in the next 30-60 days.

The protection of our country and the re building of our infrastructure with utility poles is essential. Allowing PWP-O to use penta in this site will help assure our national grid's security and continued electricity, power, and telecommunications to the masses.

Please feel free to contact me if I may clarify any of the above and please support my recommendation to allow PWP-O to use penta in the Sheridan OR site.

Regards,

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INDEPENDENT WOOD SCIENTIST/CHEMIST

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RE: Taylor Lumber and Treating Superfund Site in Sheridan, Oregon, EPA Docket No. CERCLA-10-2002-0034

Dear Ms. Byrne,

I am writing to you to support the use of Pentachlorophenol at the Pacific Wood Preserving of Oregon plant.

I have visited the Pacific Wood Preserving of Oregon plant a number of times. The management is very conscientious about environmental stewardship and responsibility. The plant has used many different kinds of wood preservatives over the years and I am confident that they will use Pentachlorophenol responsibly.

As you know, wood utility poles are more environmentally friendly than steel or concrete poles as concluded by a number of independent Life Cycle Analysis studies.

Pentachlorophenol is an EPA approved wood preservative that has a long track record of safety and efficacy. It is one of the most widely used preservatives for utility poles because it has less cracking/splitting, and easier to climb for lineman. The American Wood Protection Association has a number of publications documenting its excellent efficacy.

Pentachlorophenol is a wood preservative that does not contain heavy metals. This is advantageous in terms of wood pole recycling and disposal at the end of its service life. Pentachlorophenol can be biodegraded into inorganic chloride, carbon dioxide, and water. Pentachlorophenol treated wood can also be safely incinerated for energy recovery.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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Re: Pentachlorophenol/Pacific Wood Preserving of Oregon

Dear Jennifer:

I am the Manager of the Treated Wood Products Division – West for Timber Products Inspection, Inc. (TP) located in Vancouver, WA and our Corporate office located in Conyers, GA.

Twenty-eight (28) years with TP and forty-five (45) years in the industry has allowed me a great amount of insight into preservatives, production practices and the performance of end products.

The Corporate owners/suppliers of Copper Naphthenate (CuN) have made the decision not to re-register their product which has forced several wood preserving plants to look for alternative oil borne preservatives especially for utility production including wood poles for distribution and transmission of electrical power supply as well as understructure for communications.

By in large the most common and proven preservative for this purpose is Pentachlorophenol (Penta) using a Type "A" petroleum oil as the carrier for our Western species.

Introduced in 1841, it was commercially produced in 1936 and since 1946 has been a staple in the industry. Currently, 55% plus of our distribution poles and 75% plus of our transmission poles nationwide are preserved with Penta; with well over 110 million pressure treated wood utility poles in service in the US and Canada supporting our power and communications infrastructure. With new power sources (wind, solar, etc.) constantly being constructed, as well as outdated lines being replaced, it would be impossible to understate the importance of these products (95% of cross arms are treated with Penta).

In the first half of the 20th Century, many of the treating plant that were constructed were either ignorant of or callous to the damage they may have been doing to the environment due to preservative spills and dripping and storage of the preserved wood. Most of these are no longer in production and those that are adhere rigorously to Federal (EPA) State and local environmental requirements.

The Pacific Wood Preserving Companies have stepped forward to rejuvenate some of these sites with knowledge and extensive funds to make them conforming to environmental and regulatory entities. Such is the case with the former Taylor Lumber and Treating Superfund Site in Sheridan, OR, now Pacific Wood Preserving of Oregon (PWPO). Being a somewhat rural site, not only are they using properties that would otherwise be unproductive and at the same time meeting and exceeding your agency's requirements, but they are also providing wages for over 40 employees and their families plus a tax base in an area (State) suffering from the current recession. PWPO ships poles throughout the United States and Penta is a readily acceptable alternative to the CuN that they have been producing. All matters considered, their production of Penta products will be a win situation for all concerned without even considering support industries such as trucking, rail and various other vendors to which they contribute.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Cliff Eddington", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Re: Taylor Lumber and Treating Superfund Site in Sheridan, Oregon, EPA Socket
No. CIRCLA-10-2002-0034

It is my understanding that a request has been made to the US EPA by Pacific Wood Preserving of Oregon to allow the use of penta as a wood preservative at this plant. The purpose of this letter is to provide support in favor of this request.

Penta is an excellent wood preservative with minimal environmental impact when used in accordance with industry standards and EPA guidelines. This conclusion is attested to by the fact that penta was recently subjected to and successfully passed EPA's re-registration process. Furthermore, penta has been used extensively for treatment of utility poles for over 60 years and currently is the most widely used preservative for this product in the U.S. As such, penta is a critical component for utilities in order to ensure that their wood poles are adequately protected from the adverse environment they are subjected to in supporting transmission and distribution lines throughout the U.S.

Over the years Pacific Wood Preserving Company has compiled an excellent record of good environmental stewardship for their treated wood products and

have provided employment opportunities at their plants. In order to maintain a competitive position in the wood treating industry and continue to provide jobs for a large work force in Oregon its is critical that they obtain approval to use penta at the Sheridan Oregon plant site.

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Re: Taylor Lumber Treating and Superfund Site, Sheridan, Oregon
EPA Docket No. CERCLA-10-2002-0034

Dear Ms. Byrne,

I am writing to support the recent action to allow the use of pentachlorophenol in oil at the Sheridan, Oregon treating facility now operated by Pacific Wood Preserving. As you are aware, all of the manufacturers of the previously-used preservative, copper naphthenate, have ceased manufacture and that preservative is no longer available.

Pentachlorophenol is a registered pesticide and is the most widely used one throughout the USA for the treatment of utility poles. (In fact, the competitors to the Sheridan, Oregon facility use pentachlorophenol in their own plants.) The chemical and physical characteristics of pentachlorophenol are well understood and the handling of this chemical is done with ample safeguards to protect the environment. The chemical has been used for over 60 years and is very efficacious for this application. In short, any opposition to the use of this preservative is likely to be based on simple competitive issues rather than on scientific or environmental principles.

Also, the facility provides a number of well-paying jobs in an area that has been severely impacted by the downturn in the economy. There is no reason that these jobs cannot continue indefinitely since there is and will continue to be a strong demand for the utility poles produced at this facility into the foreseeable future. The utility poles provided by the Sheridan facility are essential to updating the infrastructure all across the USA. As new sources of energy are developed, such as wind farms and the like, we will need utility lines to carry the energy to the end-user. We need these poles.

I want to note that I am a consultant and have worked in the treated wood industry since 1975. I am not being compensated in any manner for this memo but rather I am writing since I firmly believe that the only reasonable course of action is to allow Pacific Wood to use pentachlorophenol in the Sheridan facility. I trust you will reach this same conclusion since there is no scientific or environmental reason to not allow this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Craig R. McIntyre". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Craig R. McIntyre, Ph.D.



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Re: *Public Comment: Amendment to the Agreement and Covenant Not To Sue, Pacific Wood Preserving of Oregon, In the Matter of Taylor Lumber and Treating Superfund Site, Sheridan, Oregon. EPA Docket No. CERCLA-10-2002-0034*

Dear Ms. Byrne:

We submit these comments on behalf of an undisclosed client in response to EPA's May 2, 2011 public notice regarding the opportunity to comment on EPA's proposed Amendment to the 2002 Agreement and Covenant Not to Sue between EPA and Pacific Wood Preserving of Oregon ("PWPO") ("Proposed Amendment"). These comments focus on the proposed change which would allow PWPO to treat wood on the former Taylor Lumber Property in Sheridan, Oregon (the "Site") with solutions containing pentachlorophenol ("PCP").

Our client's primary concerns with this proposed change are: (1) EPA has not provided any information showing that PWPO's use of PCP will not contribute to or aggravate the existing contamination on the Site; (2) the Proposed Amendment does not require PWPO to take steps to ensure that any contamination it causes will be easily distinguishable from the existing contamination; (3) allowing PWPO to resume use of PCP will jeopardize the health and safety of the public and the environment, particularly in light of the Site's close proximity to one of the City of Sheridan's drinking water sources, the South Yamhill River; and (4) the Proposed Amendment is contrary to EPA's prior commitments to the public regarding the future use of the property.

1. There is No Indication That Allowing PWPO's Use of PCP at the Site Will Not Contribute to or Aggravate the Existing Contamination.

In order to purchase and operate the Site, and in exchange for a release from liability for past contamination, PWPO entered into prospective purchaser agreements in 2002 with EPA ("Original Agreement") and DEQ ("DEQ PPA"). Both agreements included use restrictions prohibiting PWPO from using PCP, ammoniacal copper zinc arsenate, copper chromated arsenate, creosote, or any arsenical wood-preserving compounds. Original Agreement, ¶ 15; DEQ PPA, General Provision C. The use restrictions were key aspects of both of these agreements. It is unlikely EPA and DEQ would have entered into these agreements, releasing PWPO from liability, had PWPO not agreed to this important condition.

In entering potential purchaser agreements containing covenants not to sue, EPA remains committed to "ensuring protection of human health and the environment." EPA, *Guidance on Agreements with Prospective Purchasers of Contaminated Property*, p. 3 (May 24, 1995) ("EPA PPA Guidance"). Accordingly, when considering potential purchaser agreements, EPA "consider[s] the environmental implications of site operations on the surrounding community and those likely to be present or have access to the site." *Id.* at p. 6. In fact, EPA has made a policy decision that "[i]f the planned activities of the prospective purchaser are likely to aggravate or contribute to the existing contamination or generate new contamination, EPA will generally not enter into an agreement [* * *]." *Id.* Accordingly, PWPO was required to provide EPA with a plan for the Site, demonstrating that its operations would not be harmful to human health or the environment. This plan provided assurances to EPA that an agreement with PWPO would not be contrary to its stated policies on prospective purchaser agreements.

Nevertheless, EPA is now proposing to drop the use restriction to allow PWPO to use PCP on the Site. There is no language in the Proposed Amendment indicating that EPA has evaluated whether PWPO's use of PCP will contribute to or aggravate existing contamination. DEQ's proposed amendment to the DEQ PPA is similarly silent on this issue. The only explanation given for the removal of this restriction is that there has been a change in economic conditions. It is unclear how these economic reasons outweigh the risks to the environment and the community posed by PWPO's use of PCP at the Site.

2. The Proposed Amendment Does Not Require PWPO to Take Steps to Ensure That New Contamination Will be Distinguishable From Old Contamination.

Another reason EPA required PWPO to use different chemicals than those formerly used at the Site was to ensure that if there was a release during PWPO's operation, there would be a clear demarcation between the historic contamination and the new release, which PWPO would be liable for. Original Agreement, ¶ 11. During negotiations over the Original Agreement with PWPO, EPA "made clear" it would be difficult to effectively enforce the agreement's release from liability if PWPO continued to use the same chemicals previously used at the Site, because "there would be no demarcation line for contamination" Pacific Wood Preserving Companies, *Taylor Lumber and Treating, Inc. Revitalization Plan, Executive Summary and Non-Binding Term Sheet* (undated).

In the event EPA decides to enter into an agreement with a purchaser whose operations have the potential to aggravate or contribute to existing contamination or cause new contamination, the agreement must include restrictions “which prohibit those operations or portions of those operations which are likely to aggravate or contribute to the existing contamination or interfere with the remedy.” *EPA PPA Guidance*, p. 6. Despite the fact that PWPO’s use of PCP has the potential to aggravate or contribute to the existing contamination or cause new contamination, the Proposed Amendment contains no such restrictions.

In negotiating the amendment to the Original Agreement, PWPO proposed a number of steps it could take to ensure that it would be easy to distinguish a new release from the existing contamination, including: using carrier oils with different chemical markers than those used by Taylor Lumber; creating a barrier separation between the old and any new contamination by constructing a tertiary containment system to contain a potential future release; and taking baseline samples of the existing residual contamination and annual samples to ensure that the conditions on the Site are not worsening. The Proposed Amendment, however, makes no mention of PWPO’s proposal, and does not require PWPO to take the steps it set forth during negotiations.

3. Use of PCP at the Site Threatens the Safety of the Community, Including Important Drinking Water Sources.

During the investigation and remediation phases of the cleanup, the potential impacts to groundwater and surface water in the area of the Site were a primary concern to EPA. As highlighted in its July 2000 Integrated Assessment (“IA”), the Site’s wood-treating facility is located approximately 300 feet north of South Yamhill River, and all surface water from the Site eventually flows to the River. IA 2-2, 8-3. This is of great importance given the fact that the South Yamhill River is used as a source of drinking water, commercial food crop irrigation, and recreational boating and fishing. IA 7-5. The South Yamhill River also is a protected ecological resource, as it is a critical habitat and critical migratory corridor for federal-listed Upper Willamette Steelhead. 70 Fed. Reg. 52630 (2005).

Additionally, groundwater within a four-mile radius of the Site is used for domestic drinking and irrigation purposes. IA 7-2. There are 340 domestic wells located within a four-mile radius of the Site. IA 7-2.

The threat caused by PWPO’s proposed use of PCP is real: PWPO has a poor track record when it comes to environmental compliance. For example, PWPO discharges wastewater to the South Yamhill River under an NPDES permit administered by DEQ. In the past three years, PWPO has been cited for at least two violations of this permit after discharging wastewater with copper concentrations that exceeded its permit’s allowable monthly and daily limits. DEQ News Release, *DEQ Issues \$4,500 Penalty to Pacific Wood Preserving of Oregon for Wastewater Discharge Permit Violations in Sheridan* (March 23, 2010). PWPO also had a series of NPDES violations in the first two years of its operations at the Site, two of which resulted in notices of noncompliance from DEQ. DEQ, *NPDES Permit Evaluation and Fact Sheet: Pacific Wood Preserving of Oregon* (November 2004). And, in 2007, PWPO was fined

by DEQ for failing to determine if waste generated at the Site was hazardous waste. DEQ News Release, *DEQ Announces Penalties Totaling \$429,806 in August 2007* (September 13, 2007).

The risks to the community and environmental resources in the area are too great to allow PWPO to use PCP or other highly toxic chemicals at the Site. This risk is particularly high given the importance to the community of surface and groundwater resources near the Site, and PWPO's history of permit violations. EPA has not provided the public with any assurances that PWPO's use of PCP will not lead to a future release that could jeopardize the health and safety of the community and the environment.

4. The Restriction Prohibiting the Use of PCP on the Site was Important to the Community.

EPA, as the lead agency during the cleanup of the Site, made it a priority to engage the public and keep the community updated on the cleanup. PWPO was involved in this effort and made it a point to explain to the community its commitment to using environmentally safer wood-treating substances at the Site. In a September 11, 2001 memorandum to the residents of Sheridan and Yamhill County, PWPO explained that it went "green" in the early 1990s and that its wood-treating processes "have low environmental impact and low mammalian toxicity." PWPO went on to explain that its proposal to EPA and DEQ was that PWPO would not use the same treating chemicals as those previously used by Taylor Lumber on the Site because of PWPO's "commitment into [sic] converting customers to alternative wood treatments." Pacific Wood Preserving Companies, *Memorandum to Residents of Sheridan and Yamhill County re: Possible Acquisition of the Taylor Lumber and Treating Plant* (September 11, 2001). And, doing so would ensure a clear demarcation between any new and existing contamination. *Id.*

During public meetings and interviews EPA conducted in 2001, community members expressed concern that a future operator at the Site would be permitted to use PCP and other harmful chemicals. Public members specifically asked EPA, "If another wood-treating company purchases the site, would EPA require them to use an environmentally-friendly treating process?" EPA, *Community Involvement Plan Taylor Lumber and Treating Site* (January 2002). One of the community's biggest concerns was protecting the City's drinking water, which, as explained above, comes from both the South Yamhill River and groundwater in close proximity to the Site. *Id.*

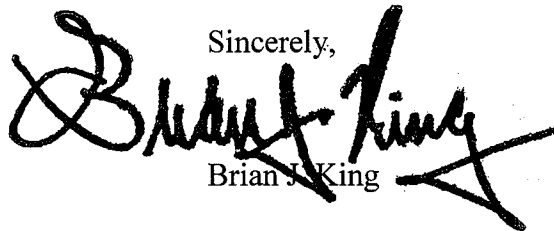
The community's concerns over the future use of the Site appear to be a contributing factor to EPA's decision to include the use restriction in the Original Agreement. In numerous public outreach communications following execution of the Original Agreement, EPA reassured the community that PWPO was using wood-treating products that "are safer for their employees and the environment." See e.g., Environmental Fact Sheet, *Taylor Lumber and Treating Cleanup Completed* (Summer 2009); Environmental Fact Sheet, *Comments Requested on Taylor Lumber and Treating Cleanup* (July 2005).

Nothing has changed since 2001 when the community expressed concern over the use of PCP and other highly toxic chemicals at the Site. The risks to human health and the environment from the use of these chemicals are no different now than they were ten years ago.

Despite the fact that EPA initially made it a priority to conduct public outreach, encourage public participation, and keep the community informed of the cleanup's progress, there have been no similar efforts with EPA's 2011 proposal to modify the Original Agreement. The proposed removal of the restriction on the use of PCP at the Site is significant given the risks to the community and the environment. Yet, EPA has made no effort to involve the community in this decision other than providing a 14-day public comment period on the proposed amendments, which is inadequate in light of the significance of the proposed change.

Finally, EPA and DEQ have spent over a decade and millions of taxpayer dollars cleaning up the Site and the remediation is not yet complete. Allowing the use of PCP at the Site creates the potential for additional contamination. This increases the risk that EPA or DEQ will have to undertake additional cleanup efforts at the Site funded by even more taxpayer money. This possible outcome is avoidable if EPA and DEQ adhere to their original agreements with PWPO and continue to restrict the use of PCP and other highly toxic chemicals at the Site.

Given the potential risks identified in this comment letter, we respectfully request that EPA reconsider its proposal to lift the restriction prohibiting the use of PCP at the Site. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this important change and hope EPA will seriously consider our comments.

Sincerely,

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